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## **MAYOR BALLARD LAUNCHES 2011 REBUILDINDY CONSTRUCTION SEASON**

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INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard today marked the start of the 2011 construction season by highlighting road resurfacing along Arlington Avenue in Franklin Township, one of dozens of projects getting underway as weather is allowing for work to begin on 2011 RebuildIndy projects and completion of many projects started last fall.

"This summer will bring an unprecedented level of road construction work to the City," said Mayor Ballard. "Motorists may experience short-term inconveniences with travel delays, but our RebuildIndy initiative is making long-term improvements for Indianapolis. The result will positively impact residents and visitors, who will benefit from improved infrastructure, the creation of local jobs and increased public safety."

From September 2010 through this summer, RebuildIndy will invest over \$87 million to resurface more than 383 lane miles, repair 16 bridges, and pour more than 105,000 linear feet of curbs and sidewalks. Residents are encouraged to check [www.Indy.gov/RebuildIndy](http://www.Indy.gov/RebuildIndy) often for construction updates and road closures and to stay up-to-date on work in their areas.

RebuildIndy is Mayor Ballard's initiative to transform the City of Indianapolis through investment in infrastructure improvements, restoration of deteriorating thoroughfares, residential streets, sidewalks and bridges, as well as correction of neighborhood drainage and flooding issues. The City also will remove abandoned homes that are unsalvageable, and which pose a public safety threat to neighborhoods.

One of the most exciting infrastructure improvements underway in Indianapolis is the Michigan Road project, one of many that support Mayor Ballard's commitment to make Indianapolis one of the most livable cities in the Midwest.

"The residents of this area worked together and came to the City to express their desire for increased connectivity to make that area safer," Mayor Ballard said. "Through RebuildIndy, the City is working on several infrastructure improvements, including means to enhance connectivity and enable safer conditions for the many pedestrians who travel near there."

RebuildIndy is not only improving neighborhoods and creating jobs – it is creating opportunities for Indianapolis business owners. RebuildIndy outreach hosts meetings and open houses to share details of how the construction work in various areas and the final results may impact local businesses. This week alone, RebuildIndy hosted two open houses for businesses for this purpose.

Some examples of 2011 RebuildIndy projects include:

- 56th Street Bridge over Eagle Creek Reservoir: Complete rehabilitation, deck replacement and railings. Construction will take place in conjunction with the 56th Street Lift Station and Force Main project. Traffic will be maintained during construction.
- Southwestside resurfacing projects such as portions of County Line Road and Hanna Avenue.
- 56th Street Bridge over Fall Creek: Rehabilitation with repair to the deck overlay. Traffic will be maintained during construction.
- West 10<sup>th</sup> Street: Resurfaced from Main Street (in Speedway) to Raceway.
- Resurfacing of High School Road, Edgewood Avenue, Illinois Street, Meridian Street, Emerson Avenue, Georgia Street and 38<sup>th</sup> Street.

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